

Resolution 08-08
Opposition to H.R. 2421

STATE NATURAL RESOURCES

EXHIBIT NO. 4

DATE Jan. 26, 2009

BILL NO. SI 7

WHEREAS, H.R. 2421: Clean water Restoration Act of 2007, introduced in the House by U.S. Representative Oberstar now pending in the United States Congress to amend the Federal water Pollution Control Act to clarify the jurisdiction of the United States over waters of the United States.

WHEREAS, this bill would amend the Clean Water Act passed by Congress in 1972 to include all water by adding at the end of the following:

“(24) WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES-The term ‘waters of the United States’ means all waters subject to the ebb and flow of the tide, the territorial seas, and all interstate and intrastate waters and their tributaries, including lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, natural ponds and all impoundments of the foregoing, to the fullest extent that these waters, or activities affecting these waters, are subject to the legislative power of Congress under the Constitution”.

WHEREAS Montana’s water is our most precious resource which is comprehensively managed and regulated by the State of Montana

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that MACD opposes the legislation as currently written but would work toward finding an alternative acceptable to Montana Conservation Districts.

Submitted by Rosebud Conservation District
Recommend Do Pass - Water Resources
Passed by Body